Regulations for

## The Nature Conservancy

#101

Region 2 Block Management Lands

Hunting Access Dates: September 1, 2016 – August 1, 2017

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) allows responsible public use of its forestland in western Montana for public recreation, such as hunting, fishing and camping. Hazards exist, so recreationists must use caution and enter at their own risk. Logging and forestry activities are ongoing and may pose a danger. Users of TNC Block Management Lands must abide by the following regulations.

## **REGULATIONS**

- 1. Wheeled motorized access is allowed, but is limited to open, established roads.
- 2. No unauthorized wheeled motorized use of closed roads or trails is allowed. Closed roads and trails are posted as such. A closed gate or other closure device (such as a log barricade or earthen barrier) with no sign is closed to all wheeled motorized vehicles. Road restrictions apply even if a sign, gate or closure device has been vandalized or damaged.
- 3. For a road to be open behind a gate, it must be specifically designated by a sign as open.
- 4. DO NOT BLOCK GATES. Administrative, contractor or emergency traffic may need to pass through.
- 5. No off-road or off-trail wheeled motorized use is allowed by the general public. However, snowmobiles are allowed from December 1 to April 1, except where signed closures exist. To reduce impacts to soils, vegetation and wildlife, TNC requests that snowmobilers stay on groomed or signed snowmobile routes or roads open to snowmobile use.
- 6. Hunting, fishing and all forms of legal animal harvest in accordance with relevant state laws are allowed.
- 7. Hunting, transportation of hunters or game retrieval with administrative or commercial vehicles is prohibited behind a closure.
- 8. Recreational shooting is not allowed on TNC lands in the Miller Creek and Gold Creek areas. Hunting is allowed. (see attached map)
- Personal-use plant, berry and mushroom harvesting is allowed.
- 10. Personal-use firewood gathering of dead or down wood is allowed. A \$15.00 permit is required, allowing for 5 cords per permit. Vehicles must stay on established, open roads for wood retrieval. Commercial firewood harvesting is not allowed, except as specifically permitted.
- 11. Camping is limited to 16 days per campsite. During this time, the campsite must not be left unattended for more than 3 consecutive days. Camping beyond 16 days requires relocating to a new site at least 5 miles from the original site. Campers must NOT cut any live trees while camping.

## 12.MANDATORY FOOD STORAGE ORDER:

To minimize conflicts with bears: Human, pet and livestock food, beverages, garbage, game meat, carcass parts and all other attractants shall be stored at all times in accordance with FWP's Wildlife Management Area Food Storage Order, available at fwp.mt.gov. Attractants shall not be buried, discarded or burned in an open campfire.

- 13. The use of certified, weed-seed-free livestock hay, forage and bedding is required for all livestock users and animal handlers on TNC lands. Do not tie livestock to trees; instead use a post, high-line or hitch-rail.
- 14.Exploding targets are prohibited on all TNC owned or managed lands.
- 15. Pack out all garbage. Leave TNC lands as clean as or cleaner than you found them.
- 16. Do not pollute with human waste. Pack out or bury all human waste at least 6 inches deep. Toilets located within 300 feet of water must be self-contained.
- 17. All activity on TNC lands is at the individual's OWN RISK. TNC assumes no liability or responsibility of any kind with respect to any of the activities described above or otherwise.
- 18. Any use of TNC lands not consistent with these regulations shall be considered trespassing (and/or any other applicable crime) and shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- 19. Failure to abide by these regulations can result in a trespass violation under MCA 45-6-203 and/or a violation of FWP Department or Commission orders or rules under MCA 87-6-201.
- 20.To contact The Montana Nature Conservancy call (406)443-0303 or (406)543-6681.

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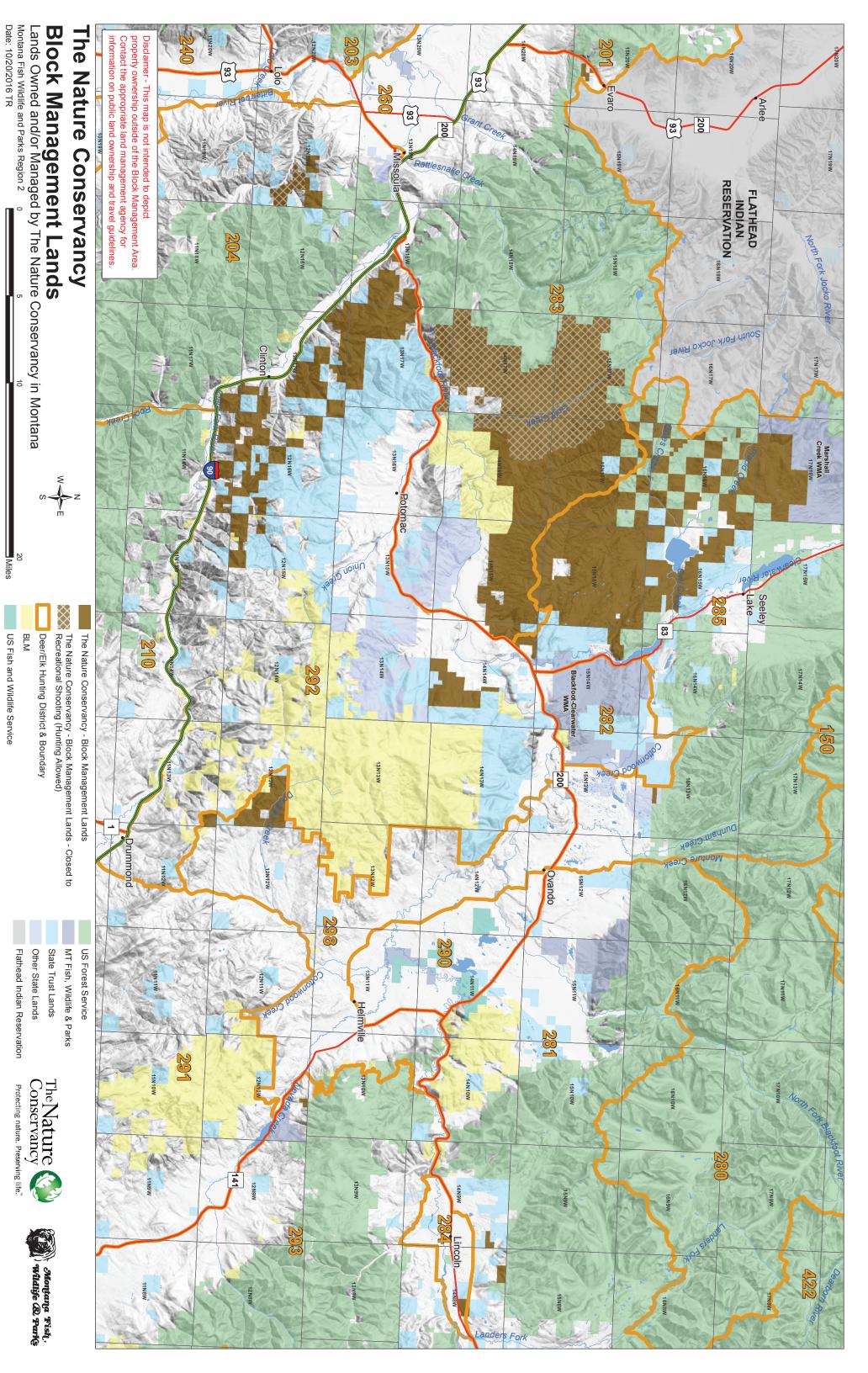
TO ASSURE YOUR FUTURE HUNTING
PRIVILEGES ON THIS BMA, PLEASE OBEY THESE
REGULATIONS AND RESPECT PRIVATE
PROPERTY.

REPORT VIOLATIONS: 1-800-TIP-MONT



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